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1. Nine tanks, five armored reconnaissance cars, two armored passenger cars, two amphibian cars, fifty motorcycles with sidocars and three trucks, coming from the Artillerie Kaserne, Eberswalde, were seen on 24 July 1950. Motor vehicle

10 tanks and several hundred soldiers from the Artillerie Kaserne were loaded on a train on the night of 25 July 1950. It was rumored that these troops were going to Mecklenburg and that the vacant billeting space was to be utilized by Volkspolizei. (2) Four armored reconnaissance cars, eight armored passenger cars, five half-track vehicles, each with a 50-mm AT gun, coming from Freienwalde, proceeded in the direction of Angermunde on 25 July 1950. (3)

2. Local residents said that Schweinrich was occupied by about 30,000 troops on 31 July 1950. No reinforcements have arrived recently.

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3. A signal unit with about 30 motor vehicles, including some radio trucks, was identified in the woods at the Elbdeich, about 1 km west of Quitzoebel, south of Bad Wilsnack on 21 July 1950. Motor vehicle were observed. (5)

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4. The artillery unit in the Neue Kaserne, Burg, left for Hillersleben for firing practice with live ammunition on 24 July 1950. They had nine 122-mm howitzers with them and returned the same day. Truck was seen there. (6) At present the Alte Kaserne is occupied only by the rear detail of a tank unit which allegedly is drilling at the Hillersleben range. (7)

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5. The consumption of gasoline by civilians in Strausberg is to be cancelled effective 1 August 1950. This was learned from orders sent to the Strausberg gas stations. The Infanterie Kaserne on Straussee (lake) was still vacant in mid-July 1950. (8)

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- 25X1 [ ] Comments.
- 25X1 (1) [ ] this unit belongs to the 7th Gds Mecz Div. Most units of this division marched to the troop training grounds in late April 1950 and were confirmed there in early July 1950. See [ ] individual units of this division were unloaded in Eberswalde late in April 1950. Motor vehicle [ ] were seen in late June 1950. See [ ] The assumption that a training center (school) of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army is located in Eberswalde is supported by the information that all billeting areas in Eberswalde are continuously occupied to capacity and the appearance of motor vehicle [ ] of all divisions of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army. This would explain the entrainment of the units of the 10th Gds Tank Div in Eberswalde which was reported from Eberswalde on 22 July 1950. See [ ]
- 25X1 (2) This unit may belong to one of the divisions mentioned. The new location in Mecklenburg was not confirmed [ ]
- (3) This unit belonged to the Fourth Gds Mecz Army and was supposedly shipped to the Templin maneuver area.
- (4) The presence of units of the 18th Mecz Div at the Schweinrich troop training grounds was confirmed up to 31 July 1950. [ ] belong to the headquarters units of the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps. [ ] have not been previously observed in the Schweinrich maneuver area.
- 25X1 (5) [ ] the 12th Gds Tank Div. As the [ ] signal units of different units of this division may have participated in the practice.
- 25X1 (6) [ ] this unit belongs to the 207th Mtz Rifle Div.
- (7) This information confirms the transfer of the 136th Gds Hvy Tank SP Regt/ Third Shock Army to the northern section of Letzling Heath troop training grounds.
- (8) This measure may be of local importance only but might also be connected with the filling and sealing of all large gas stations reportedly decreed for Thuringia. See [ ]

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